2010
M.Sc.
2nd Semester Examination
ANTHROPOLOGY
PAPER—A/C6/S6
Full Marks : 50
Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.
Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Give answers to five questions : 2×5

1. (a) Define a hypothesis.
   (b) Distinguish between a ‘variable’ and a ‘constant’ with the help of an example.
   (c) What is meant by cross-cultural comparison?
   (d) Differentiate between ‘emic’ and ‘etic’ approaches in Anthropology.
   (e) What is meant by quantification?
   (f) What is independent variable? How is an independent variable related to a dependent variable?
   (g) What do you understand by the term ‘data’? Mention one of the sources of data.
   (h) What do you mean by the term ‘theory’? Name one anthropological theory.
2. Discuss the reasons behind the adoption of comparative method in Anthropology.

3. Discuss the importance of combining qualitative and quantitative method in Anthropology with the help of some examples.

4. What do you understand by the term ‘method’? What is the implications of ‘method’ in terms of ‘methodology’? Briefly discuss two methods in Anthropological research.

5. Briefly discuss the meaning and significance of the usage of ‘emic’ and ‘etic’ in Anthropological research. Give an example of emic type of research with some details.

6. What is fieldwork in anthropological research? Discuss briefly the styles of fieldwork at different periods of its development.

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